Schedules for the Census.—Amongst the searching forms of inquiry by means of which a vast amount of most useful and important information, besides the mere amount of the population, is to be gathered out of every nook and corner of the land on 31st inst. there are schedules, copies of which the Registrar-General has forwarded to us, and from which it appears that separate returns will be called for of the statistical details of all sorts of schools, churches and chapels, and literary and scientific institutions. The schedules have been prepared under the direction of one of her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and are of a very comprehensive and special description, with columns or spaces for all such particulars as the name, cost, date, and mode of erection and endowment, free and other sittings and attendance, pew rents, fees, dues, offerings, &c. in churches and chapels of every denomination; the name, class, and dimensions of schools, and number and age of scholars, number and class of boarders and teachers, income, endowment, fees, and expenses, &c.; and from literary and scientific institutions their character and rules, number of volumes in libraries, nature and extent of museums, number and class of lectures, terms of admission, number of members and visitors, &c. &c.

Projected Improvements at London-bridge.—At a Court of Common Council on Friday in last week, the report of the Navigation and Port of London Committee on the subject of steamboat and other traffic at London-bridge was read. The committee state that they had instructed Mr. S. W. Leach, engineer, to prepare plans of accommodation for the embarking and disembarking of passengers at the east and west sides of the Surrey end of the bridge. They were of opinion that it would be very highly conducive to the public convenience if such accommodation were afforded. Together with a plan agreed to by the committee, and estimated to cost 1,220*l.*, that of Mr. Dawson, proposing an arched thoroughfare through the abutment of the bridge, and under the roadway, from the upper landing on the west stairs to the corresponding landing on the east stairs, was laid before the Court with the committee's opinion that the same would be a great public accommodation; and that, if made, the platform and brow on the east stairs would be unnecessary. Mr. Dawson's plan was defended by Mr. Deputy Stacey, and also by Mr. Dawson himself, who said that the opening at the abutment suggested to the Court would prove an accommodation of the greatest importance, for the attempt to cross from one side of the street at the bottom was dangerous in the extreme. A professional friend of his estimated the expense at 800*l.*, and no doubt the cost would be a mere trifle in comparison with the accommodation, which would, in fact, obviate the necessity of putting the City to the expense of a pier. The report was ordered to be printed.

West Drayton Church.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the Church of St. Martin, West Drayton, was re-opened by the Lord Bishop of London, having undergone a substantial repair and restoration. The whole of the church has been refitted with open seats of oak, those in the chancel having ends with carved poppy heads. A new stone pulpit has been added, and the paving relayed with tiles. The tower still remains a memento of the former decayed state of the church; but it is intended to restore this portion of the building as soon as funds can be raised. Mr. C. Innes was the architect: Mr. Fasenidge, of Uxbridge, the builder. The total outlay about 1,100*l.*

Peel Testimonials.—At a meeting of the metropolitan committee on 1st inst. it was unanimously resolved,—1. That the list be closed on 31st inst. 2. That a statue in bronze be erected in Westminster. 3. That a sub-committee be appointed to select an artist, to secure the best site, &c.; and that the Earl of Aberdeen, Viscount Canning, Viscount Hardinge, Lord Ashburton, Right Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., Right Hon Sir J. Graham, M.P., and J. Wilson Patten, Esq., M.P., be requested to constitute the sub-committee.

——A correspondent of the *Preston Guardian* suggests that the Blackburn testimonial should be a cylindrical column, to be erected on the summit of Billinge-hill, north of Blackburn, and overlooking the town, where there is plenty of good stone at hand. This column to be surmounted by a colossal statue of Sir Robert in the white limestone of Westmorland, which, he remarks, can be worked as fine as marble, and is much better adapted for out-door statuary than marble, from its superior resistance to atmospheric action, smoke, and moisture.

Art-Lecture at Manchester.—Mr. J. A. Hammersley, the principal master of the Manchester School of Design, delivered an interesting lecture on Friday in last week, "On the Operatives of this Country; their Interest in Works of Art and Objects of Beauty." In concluding, the lecturer lamented the general absence of enthusiasm from the English mind. In this quality he thought we were excessively deficient. He did really wish we had a greater number of people amongst us who would just come under the possible charge of being mad. It did appear to him we were exceedingly even and smooth in this country; and wanted breaking up into knots and corners, and being a little bit more individual and eccentric. Amongst other things, he desired that we should be enthusiastic enough to advocate the present and other similar questions with something like warmth of heart, instead of, as at present, seeming to be afraid of speaking, thinking, and acting.

A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.—It is a very strange circumstance that while not only most continental towns of importance, but the capital towns of Scotland and Ireland, and all our own chief provincial towns throughout the three kingdoms, have practically felt and proved the utility of chambers of commerce, the great centre, not only of all these national satellites, but of the commerce of the whole civilized world, should still be in a state of class immaturity and unorganisation; and that, while the international commerce of the world is concentrating itself in the great "Chamber" at Hyde Park, the commerce of London should have remained till this eventful year without a representative head of its own. The commercial organization of our metropolis ought to have preceded that of any town in the kingdom, and, at all events, ought to constitute the leading head of its whole commercial system. It is satisfactory to know, however, as we now do, by a letter from Mr. Lionel Rothschild and Mr. John Masterman, that this singular defect is likely to be forthwith remedied by the establishment of a Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, which ought, if possible, to be organised and in a working state while the representatives of the commercial wealth and industry of the world are here assembled. Its maturisation must, of course, be a work of time, but at least its more obvious and called-for committees might be very speedily appointed. In its ultimate completion, *tribunals* of commerce are contemplated, but the more immediate objects of its promoters are of a less ambitious and more readily attainable order.

Chancels and Early Churches.—Sir,—Will you kindly inform "N. J. Elliott," that I have neither time nor inclination for personal discussions, but my work on the subject of screens will be published this month, and if Mr. Elliott thinks it worth while to go to Dolman's, the publisher, and get a copy, he will find an ample refutation of his assertions.—A. W. Pugin.

Wide Estimating and Singular Competitors.—I beg to forward you the following list of tenders delivered on Monday, March 3, to the Commissioners of Paving at Portsmouth, for constructing a Camshot on Point Beach:—

Bellingham, contractor	£135	0	0
King, builder	130	0	0
Heady, ditto	98	0	0
Absalom, ditto	90	10	0
Childs, mailmaker	83	0	0
Latter, carpenter	65	12	0
Crampton, coal merchant	56	10	0

Who will next compete?—C.

Designs Registered.—W. A. Biddell, St. John's-square—alarm door and window wedge; J. Hadley, Worcester—axle to cover tires of carriage wheels; J. Morrison, Sheffield—tap for high-service pressure. The following are provisional registrations:—W. Leuchars, Piccadilly, double-action lock. T. W. Tipler, Rugby, portable fire-escape; W. M. Bywater, Piccadilly, water meter.

Barnsley Workhouse Competition.—The successful competitors for the new union workhouse about to be erected at Barnsley, are Messrs. Lockwood and Mawson.

Gas Fitters.—Tenders opened by the board of guardians for gas fittings for Birmingham New Workhouse. Messrs. Drury and Bateman, architects.

Chambers, Birmingham	779	0	0
Glean, Jno. London, contractor for the building	639	0	0
Birmingham Gas Company	497	17	9
Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Company	491	12	7

TENDERS.

Tenders for fitting up thirteen Arches of the Eastern Counties Railway, erection of Granary, Cab Lodge, Smith and Wheelers' Shops, Dwelling-rooms, Offices, &c. at Mile-end, in the County of Middlesex, for the Eastern Counties Cab Company, received 26th February, 1851. Messrs. Church and Son, Woodbridge, architects. The quantities supplied by the architects.

Denton	£8,749	0	0
Laynes	6,149	0	0
Edmund Smith	6,037	0	0
Kirk and Parry	5,998	0	0
Ward	5,953	0	0
Taylor and Son	5,947	0	0
Williams	5,918	0	0
Pollock and M'Lennan	5,900	0	0
Bill and Son	5,850	0	0
William Hill	5,843	0	0
Tamsett	5,806	0	0
Smith	5,799	0	0
Knight and Son	5,260	0	0
Pooling	5,154	0	0
Curtis	4,904	0	0

Tenders for erecting a Villa, with all Stabling and other Offices, &c., at Sutton. Mr. Cross, architect.

Thos. Burton	1,468	0	0
G. Brown	1,146	0	0
James Starkey	1,125	0	0
P. Donnelly	1,073	0	0

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*Cracks in Wood.*"—S. T. says, "I have a large figure carved in wood (Lime or Sycamore), the surface of which has cracked somewhat seriously. I am fearful lest the mischief should extend. If any of your correspondents can inform me of a treatment that will prevent this, without discolouring the wood; and, at the same time, whether there be any material that can be introduced into the cracks and effectually conceal the injury already sustained; an important service will thereby be rendered to an old and very constant reader."

"*Modelling Wax.*"—"W. P." asks for a receipt for good modelling wax.

"Johnny." "E. B." "R. B. T." "R. W. L. C." (shall appear); "G. W." "W. E. C." "J. W." "E. L. T." (declined with thanks); "E. A." (ditto); "J. B." (we do not know when Limehouse church will be opened); "H. M." "T. T." "B. C." "Architecture." "An Enemy to Puffing." "J. T." "B. R." (write to the Registrar, Somerset House). "R. J. C." "W. B. T." "J. T." "W. L." "J. J. G." "G." "W. X." "Watchman." "T. H. W." "W. H." "G. I. G." (bells and grates are removable fixtures, under ordinary boildings); "C. B. A." (shall hear from us), "G. G." "A. K."

"*Books and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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